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Attn: Art Unit 3723 – Mr. Robert C. Watson

Reference: Patent Application Number: 10/084.786  
First named Inventor: Howard Francis Gokey  
Confirmation Number: 6223

Dear Mr. Watson:

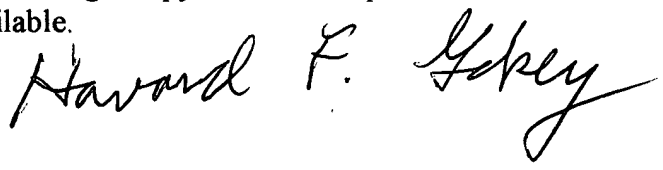
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I am also enclosing a copy of the entire patent documentation so that you will have it readily available.

Sincerely, 

Howard F. Gokey

Attachments: Transmittal form dated May 9, 2005  
Patent Documentation for Patent Application 10/084.786



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<b>TRANSMITTAL FORM</b>  (to be used for all correspondence after initial filing)	Application Number	10/084.786	
	Filing Date	6/14/2002	
	First Named Inventor	HOWARD FRANKS GOKLEY	
	Group Art Unit	3723	
	Examiner Name	ROBERT C. WATSON	
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Date	May 9, 2005

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May 9, 2005

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Dear Mr. Watson:

I received correspondence from your office indicating that my patent application had been abandoned due to a failure to make a timely response on my part. This is not correct and listed below is documentation that proves I answered all correspondence received from your office in a timely manner.

The correspondence from your office dated April 20, 2005 indicates that I failed to respond in time to letter from your office dated April 22, 2004. I did respond to that correspondence by mailing information to your office on July 16, 2004 which was received in your office on July 19, 2004. Please see the attached Certified Mail Receipt that documents my sending information to you on time -. Exhibit I

In addition to this, I received additional correspondence from your office that was mailed on 1/10 2005. This correspondence specifically indicates that my documentation in reply to your request on April 22, 2004 was received in your office on July 19, 2004.- Exhibit II.

The correspondence that your office received on March 21, 2005 was in response to your request dated January 10, 2005. Again well within the normal 3 month response period.

Based on this documentation please restore the patent application to pending status and review the information you have just received concerning the application. Please let me know if you need replacement copies of the information that was sent in July 2004.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

Howard F. Gokey  
Attachments: Exhibit I  
Exhibit II

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NAMED INVENTOR

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<b>Advisory Action</b>	Application No. 10/084,786	Applicant(s) GOKEY, HOWARD FRANCIS	
	Examiner Robert C. Watson	Art Unit 3723	

--The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

THE REPLY FILED 19 July 2004 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

**PERIOD FOR REPLY [check either a) or b)]**

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 3 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection. ONLY CHECK THIS BOX WHEN THE FIRST REPLY WAS FILED WITHIN TWO MONTHS OF THE FINAL REJECTION. See MPEP 706.07(f).

Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on \_\_\_\_\_. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
  - (b) ☒ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
  - (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
  - (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): \_\_\_\_\_.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) \_\_\_\_\_ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☐ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☐ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: \_\_\_\_\_.
6. ☐ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:


Claim(s) allowed: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) objected to: \_\_\_\_\_.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-5.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: \_\_\_\_\_.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on \_\_\_\_\_ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☐ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) \_\_\_\_\_.
10. ☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

  
**ROBERT C. WATSON**  
PRIMARY EXAMINER